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City of Auburn Responds to Recently Filed Lawsuit

On Dec. 21, 2006, the City of Auburn received a lawsuit filed by Auburn attorney Yvonne Ward, on behalf of a variety of plaintiffs, naming a number of different causes of action against not only the City but a variety of individuals and governmental agencies. The City is reviewing this lawsuit in order to respond legally and appropriately regarding the facts alleged and the questions the City has as to this lawsuit's legal merits and compliance with law.

However, the allegations that relate to the City of Auburn and City of Auburn employees are baseless, and the City will use its full legal recourses to defend its employees from this unwarranted lawsuit and unfair personal attack. The Plaintiff's attorney, Yvonne Ward has, in the past, sought the use of television and newspapers to advance allegations against those with whom she disagrees, and this is another example of that.

The City believes that the proper forum for determining the truth of these allegations is in court and not through attempts to litigate in the press. The public can be assured that it is the policy of the City of Auburn that state law and City ordinances are enforced neutrally and evenly by the City and its employees for the benefit of the public's health and safety.

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